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FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5811

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

CINCLANT

UNCLAS PORT OF SPAIN 1545

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, TD, PINR

SUBJECT: WILLIAMS STAYS ON

REF: POS 1506

CINCLANT FOR POLAD

BOGOTA FOR SHLAUDEMAN

1. AT RESUMED PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT (PNM) CONVENTION
DECEMBER 2 PM WILLIAMS AGREED TO CONTINUE AS PNM POLITICAL
LEADER AND PRIME MINISTER UNTIL GENERAL ELECTIONS ARE HELD.
OPENING SPEAKER MOVED RESOLUTION CALLING ON WILLIAMS TO
RECONSIDER HIS DECISION TO
RETIRE. RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED
BY 348 VOTES TO 61 AND A DELEGATION WAS SENT TO WILLIAMS'
RESIDENCE ASKING HIM TO REMAIN. WILLIAMS GIVE THE DELE-
GATION A LETTER AGREEING TO POSTPONE HIS RETIREMENT AND
ACCEPTING HIS "OBLIGATIONS" TO CONTINUE HIS LEADERSHIP AT
LEAST IN THE NEAR TERM. AFTER WITHDRAWAL OF HUDSON-PHILLIPS
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AND MOHAMMED, HIS REMAINING IN OFFICE WAS THEN ENDORSED BY

"UNANIMOUS" VOTE.

2. IN HIS LETTER AND IN A SPEECH TO THE CONVENTION LATE IN THE AFTERNOON, WILLIAMS REPORTEDLY GAVE TWO REQUIREMENTS FOR HIS CONTINUING IN POLITICAL LIFE (1) URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS EXPECTED TO BE MADE PUBLIC SOON OF THE CONSTITUTION COMMISSION TO BE FOLLOWED BY (2) GENERAL ELECTIONS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

3. COMMENT FOLLOWS BY SEPTEL.
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